

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The image processing method reads photoelectrically an image on a film and then performs a blemish elimination processing. The method reads a defective image as information related to a defect on the film, reads photoelectrically the image to obtain an actual image, performs preprocessing for the blemish elimination processing on the defective image and performs the blemish elimination processing on a blemish of said actual image, based on the defective image subjected to the preprocessing. The method can effectively perform processing of eliminating a blemish on the actual image in a short period of time by using the defective image having information pertaining to a defect caused by a scratch, dust on the film in a frame to be read.